

REIMBURSABLE DETAIL
Center for Tobacco Products
Office of Science

The Center for Tobacco Products, Office of Science, Division of Individual Health Science is offering a Detail opportunity for a Supervisory Pharmacologist, GS-0405-15. Applicants at the GS-14 and 15 level are encouraged to apply. The incumbent acts as the Behavioral and Clinical Pharmacology Branch Chief. The Detail is available immediately for a period of 120 days. PHS Commissioned Corps Officers may apply. A temporary promotion may be considered.

Bargaining Unit Status: Non-Bargaining Unit Position

Position: Supervisory Pharmacologist

Office Location: Food and Drug Administration
Center for Tobacco Products
Calverton Tower
11785 Beltsville Rd
Beltsville, MD 20705

Opening Date: **Wednesday, May 29, 2019**

Closing Date: **Wednesday, June 5, 2019**

Area of Consideration: **FDA-Wide**

The Center for Tobacco Products, Office of Science offers a fast-paced, dynamic environment and an opportunity to work with dedicated, energetic people who really want to make a difference and improve public health. The position is ideal for someone who wants to have a critical role in the organization and would enjoy the challenge of handling a variety of assignments related to the regulation of tobacco products.

Duties Include:

- Supervises a staff of behavioral and clinical pharmacologists/health scientists in an area requiring a systematic approach on problems recognized as difficult or is independently responsible for resolving difficult research and/or regulatory problems to provide technical guidance in broad subject matter areas related to tobacco products.
- Plans, organizes, and directs pharmacology studies, surveys, and investigations in accordance with Center-wide strategic direction. Implements Center-wide strategies for achieving annual and long-range plans, goal and objectives in assigned areas of specialization.
- Reviews, plans, prioritizes, coordinates, directs and leads the review of products, applied research and product standards on tobacco products.
- Serves as a recognized government-wide authority on behavioral and clinical pharmacology matters related to designated area of responsibility. Advises and assists

the Center Director, Office Director and other key officials on pharmacology issues that have impact on policy, direction and long-range goals.

- Develops policies and programs involving the most complex and highest priority pharmacology matters affecting the regulations of the Center for Tobacco Products.
- Drafts or critically reviews documents embodying policy and pharmacology related program proposals and decisions on these products.
- Leads review of industry submissions by analyzing and determining the adequacy of data and tests submitted by a manufacturer to support claims including whether the product information is necessary within the context of applicable laws, policies, regulations, and guidances; proposing alternative approaches where appropriate.
- Serves as the focal point for overall management and communication of issues related to tobacco addiction behavioral and clinical pharmacology projects and research conducted. Provides leadership and direction for communications between pharmacologist in the Office of Science and other Center and Agency staff.
- Provides guidance and/or training to pharmacologists/health scientists and related research experts and other professionals within FDA on matters relating to specific expertise.
- Contributes to the preparation of scientific papers, congressional correspondence and testimony, Federal Register documents, technical reports and private sector information programs.
- Evaluates, initiates, formulates, plans and executes analytic research projects pertinent to the activities of the organization and researches the quality of methodologies and measures pertinent to the assessment and summarization of the health status of Americans.
- Serves as technical expert with respect to behavioral and clinical pharmacology interpretation relating to topics under consideration. Maintains contact with consumers, who are usually professional personnel of government and non-government organizations.
- Writes and/or presents comprehensive technical behavioral and clinical pharmacology reports prepared based on the data collected and provides professional advice and consultation to public health professionals, senior scientists and management officials.
- Prepares comprehensive reports of study results which include discussion of substantive health issues and research objectives; assessment of the adequacy and quality of data used in the analyses; and explanation of the methodologies, results, and relevance to health issues as they relate to the behavioral and clinical pharmacology problem under study.
- Disseminates results of research projects in a wide range of venues including publications, peer reviewed journals, summaries, manuscripts, and special reports.

Desired Knowledge and Skills:

- Mastery of the theories, principles and methods in tobacco related behavioral and clinical pharmacology matters and associated scientific disciplines sufficient to review a variety of complex industry applications and to apply new scientific and technological

developments to novel and critical problems which cannot be solved by the use of conventional methods.

- Knowledge of scientific developments and current practices in behavioral and clinical pharmacology through review of published literature, tobacco industry documents, and by continuing professional development through interactions with experts in the field.
- Experience preparing papers and reports for presentation to include those for professional groups and for publication in professional journals.
- Knowledge of CTP missions, programs, and organizational structures sufficient to collaborate with other CTP staff on public health issues and problems.
- Ability to communicate effectively to accurately represent the FDA/CTP and the assigned program area in dealing with representatives of other agencies and organizations.
- Excellent organizational skills.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Exceptional interpersonal relationship skills and ability to collaboratively lead teams (e.g., maximize each person's contributions, reconcile divergent viewpoints, and maintain harmonious working relationships).

Application Procedure:

Supervisory concurrence should be obtained before you apply to this detail. The detail opportunity is open to all qualified candidates at the GS-14 and GS-15 grade levels or Commissioned Corps officers (O5, O6).

Interested applicants should submit a copy of their resume, most recent copy of SF-50, and statement of interest via email to:

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If you are not in this current series, you will need to submit a copy of your resume.

Detail is reimbursable.

Travel Expenses will not be paid.

Candidates must express interest by Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

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